

United Methodist Church

340 N Newell Ave, Minden, Nebraska

Order of Worship

May 11, 2025

4th Sunday of Easter

Happy Mother's Day

Senior Sunday

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Graduation Sunday

A Time to Bless and Celebrate: Avery Froid, Addison Klabunde, Maliyah Melroy, Aiden Sinsel, Jerzee Smidt, Kara Suchsland, and Mia Fritzsche.

Closing Hymn **UMH#571**
“Go, Make of All Disciples”

Sending Forth

Go now with confidence, carrying the wisdom of the past and the hope of what's to come. To our graduates: may your path be guided by faith and your steps marked by grace. To all the mothers and those who mother others: thank you for your love, strength, and steady presence. And to all: May you leave this place with courage in your heart, gratitude for the past, and hope for what lies ahead. Go with open hands and open hearts, ready to love, to serve, and to grow. Amen.

May 11-17, 2025

Sunday	Happy Mother's Day
Monday	8am-5pm WIC
Tuesday	
Wednesday	9:30am United Women in Faith 3:30-5:00pm Wednesday School
Thursday	9:30am Prayer Time
Friday	
Saturday	2:00pm Minden Graduation 2:00pm Axtell Graduation

Words of Welcome

Announcements

1. Please pick up Mother's Day roses following the worship service. We will place them near the main door if you need to pick them up later.
2. Our Wednesday School will have its final session of the semester on Wednesday, May 14. The Youth Group has already begun its summer break. Thank you to all the students, families, and volunteers who made this season meaningful!
3. The United Women in Faith will meet this Wednesday, May 14, at 9:30 AM in Room 300. All are welcome!
4. This year's Vacation Bible School will be held at St. Paul Lutheran Church. It is May 27–30, from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM. If you are interested please register online at <https://vbsmate.com/events/mindenvbs/30371>.
5. We'd really appreciate your help! If you're interested in volunteering as a scripture reader, greeter, communion server, or refreshment host, please add your name to the sign-up sheet at the back of the sanctuary.
6. Refreshments will be served in Room 300 following worship.
7. Last week we received offerings of \$3,102. Thank you for the offerings and prayers.

Call to Worship!

L: Come, let us gather in gratitude—for the love that raised us, the faith that shaped us, and the grace that leads us.

P: We give thanks for mothers and mentors, for teachers and friends, for all who have helped us grow.

L: Today, we bless our graduates and send them forth with hope. We honor the journey of every life shaped by love and learning.

P: May God's presence guide their steps, and our hearts be filled with joy.

All: Let us worship the Lord together with thanksgiving and praise!

Opening Prayer

Loving God, thank You for this special day. We give thanks for mothers and all who have loved and guided us. We bless our graduating seniors and ask for Your guidance in their next steps. We also thank You for Mia and the time she has shared with us. Be with us in this time of worship. Fill our hearts with joy, gratitude, and hope. In Jesus' name, we pray, Amen.

Silent Prayer of Confession

Apostle Creed (Ecumenical Version) UMH#882

Opening Hymn UMH#92
“For the Beauty of the Earth”



Passing the Peace of Christ

Children's Sermon

Jeremiah 29:11-13 (NIV)

Jodi Boudreau

For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God.

Message “The Journey Ahead” Pastor Peter Choi

Hymn of Response “Here I Am, Lord” UMH#593

Celebrating Moms: A Special Gift for You!

Video “Thank You Mom”

Joys and Concerns

Happy Birthday to Ray Havens, Donlyn Space,
Sam Tunnell, Gabriella Froid, and Carolyn Olsen.

Pastoral Prayer—The Lord's Prayer

Offering

Doxology UMH #95
“Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow”

Offertory Prayer

Gracious God, All that we have comes from You. Today, as we honor the love of mothers and celebrate the journey of our graduates, we bring these gifts with thankful hearts. Use them to build Your kingdom, to nurture faith in the next generation, and to bless those in need. May our giving reflect our trust in You and our hope for the future You are shaping. In Jesus' name, we pray, Amen.